XP-002134847 COPYRIGHT 2000 DEF IT INFORMATION LTD CROPU G P 1998-85656 CROPU AN Method for culture of fruit trees comprises applying an oligosaccharide TI alginate, particularly foliar application, and maturation of young fruits. IN PA Meiji-Seika LO Jap. ΡI JP 10066449 19980310 AΙ JP 1996-225386 19960827 DT Patent Japanese LA 1998-224242 [20] os A method is claimed for culture of fruit trees is claimed, comprising AΒ application (particularly foliar application) of an oligosaccharide alginate (AO), for maturation of young fruits or stimulation of colouring of fruits. The AOs include mixtures of oligosaccarides composed of ***quluronic*** acid and/or ***mannuronic*** acid, with a polymerization degree of 2-20. The mixtures are adjusted to pH 1-9 and heated, preferably at 100-130 deg, for 15-180 min; the resulting fertilizer is diluted to 100-1000 (preferably 200-500) ppm AO and spraye 1-3 times per mth. In an example, AO (500 ppm) was sprayed onto citrus trees 4 times during 50 d maturation together with 300 ppm urea. average fruit size was 29.2 mm; average fruit sizes in untreated control and in fruit treated with AO or urea alone were resp. 27.1, 28.7 and 28. mm. (4 pp.) (No EX). C Chemistry SH G Galenics

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